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For mother of San Antonio's first baby of 2018, delivery was an easy one. **Page A3**

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"What I see out in the world is all my inspiration."

Piper Tilton, 11-year-old musician

Young musician enthralls with her original songs

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Piper Tilton, 11, performs during open mic night at The Cove restaurant, where she has played for four years.

Ukulele player, 11, already has done her share of live shows

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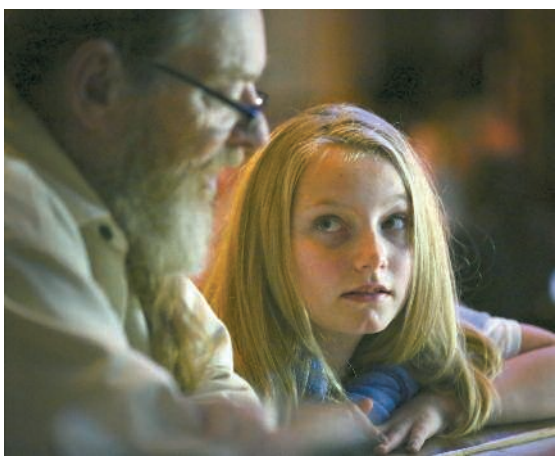
Slideshow: Find more photos from Piper Tilton's performances at Express-News.com.



Piper's father, local artist Chris Tilton, says his daughter's wide range of musical tastes comes from her being a good listener.

By Vincent T. Davis
STAFF WRITER

Piper Tilton's interest in the ukulele began at the tender age of 6, after hearing a cousin play the instrument that's grown in popularity among all ages in recent years.

Cousin Allison showed her how to play two chords, and as Piper practiced, lyrics came tumbling out about everything she'd encountered in her young life.

Since then, Piper's love for songwriting and playing the ukulele have made her a mainstay at open mic night at The Cove restaurant.

Recently, when host Niko Laven called the night's first performer, Piper

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Group takes on tax law, Trump

Aim is to 'replicate' success of tea party

By Bill Lambrecht
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — A nationwide organization with Texas roots that formed to fight the Trump administration plans celebrations, of sorts, now that the new Republican-drawn tax bill is law — "retirement parties" for members of Congress who supported it.

"Grab a cake, some party hats, a 'Congrats On Your Retirement' banner, a bunch of constituents and head on over to your member of Congress' office to say farewell before their forced retirement from Congress," reads a memo sent to leaders of the group Indivisible.

Such theatrics will be part of a consequential political battle in coming months over the massive tax overhaul that was quickly signed into law, a far-reaching piece of legislation that could figure prominently in the outcome of 2018 midterm elections.

In the vanguard of that battle is year-old In-

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Back to work: Perils abroad, full plate at home as Trump opens his second year. **A9**

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Rosey Abuabara is chair of TX23 Indivisible, one of the chapters of Indivisible, a nationwide organization with Texas roots.

Long trail of woes for migrant mother, faraway sons

Lomi Kriel / Houston Chronicle

Blanca Vasquez, 41, an undocumented immigrant from El Salvador, has been imprisoned in the El Paso County Detention Center since October.

By Lomi Kriel
STAFF WRITER

EL PASO — The boy was crying as federal agents ordered him into the government vehicle. Tell your mother goodbye, they said.

It was late October, and Blanca Vasquez and her 12-year-old son, Luis, had been in the U.S. for only a few hours. They had crossed the Rio Grande near El Paso, giving themselves up to Border Patrol agents to ask for asylum. A gang in El Salvador had murdered her husband, a military sergeant, and she said it was now after Luis.

For decades, hundreds of thousands of immigrant families from Central America, escaping gang violence and political persecution, have followed a similar path, relying on international treaties protecting those seeking asylum from being summarily turned away.

Vasquez figured that she and Luis would be detained, or even released, while she fought for asylum. A 20-year-old federal settlement that bars the extended detention of migrant children would ensure that they stayed together.

But that was then. This summer, the practice changed.

Under orders from President Donald Trump's administration, the federal government would begin broadly prosecuting parents who enter illegally, forcing the removal of their children. That enables the administration to detain parents until they are deported or win asylum, rather

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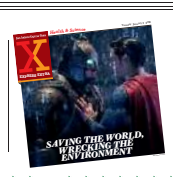
Things to know about city's famed missions. **Page A9**



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